GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:433
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LOTTERY TICKETS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of States in which lottery tickets are being sold in the country;

(b) the value of the lottery tickets sold and the profit earned thereby during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether any welfare programmes have been financed from the profit earned through lotteries by various States;

(d) if so, the details in this regard;

(e) whether the Government propose to ban the lotteries in view of the citizens getting addicted to them;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and
(g) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to safeguard the interests of the persons engaged in the profession as well as the revenue of the States?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D.SWAMI)

(a) to (g): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.
Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (g) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 433 for 17.4.2001.

(a) and (b) : According to information furnished by the States which are organizing lotteries, the sale and the income from lotteries during the last three years was as under:-

(Rs. in crore)

	1997-98		1998-99		1999-2000	
State	Sale	Income	Sale	Income	Sale	Income
Arunachal Pradesh	N.A.	0.3	N.A.	4.5	N.A.	4.0
Goa	517.88	3.01	546.4	3.1	433.9	1.98
Haryana	1698.5	45.26	573.12	17.11	254.9	2.71
Himachal Pradesh	187.89	8.80	163.29	1.19	25.41	2.75
Karnataka	408.71	9.98	408.71	12.28	555.21	19.58
Kerala	105.32	12.25	112.01	15.53	101.4	10.2
Maharashta	N.A.	2.79	N.A.	6.03	N.A.	5
Manipur	N.A.	15.09	N.A.	6.76	N.A.	4.76
Mizoram	28011	18.07	337889	6	487497	3.12
Nagaland	47.215	13.28	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Punjab	229.23	6.04	174.48	3.89	955.9	18.39
Rajasthan	731.73	37.94	48.11	1.22	Nil	Nil
Sikkim	N.A.	15	N.A.	15.5	N.A.	27.77
Tamil Nadu	27.04	8.94	52	19.7	124.01	27.75
West Bengal	14.87	2.62	17.54	3.84	21.90	6.09

NB: i. N.A. Stands for Not Available.
ii. Himachal Pradesh and Rajasthan are not organizing lotteries at present.
iii. The figures for Nagaland are excluding the Prize Winning Tickets.

(c) & (d): The profit earned from lotteries is credited to the consolidated fund of the State. However, in Tamil Nadu 75% of the net proceeds are transferred to Tamil Nadu Special Welfare fund for implementation of Slum clearance, Adi-Dravid Housing Scheme and Rural Drinking Water Supply Scheme.

(e) and (f) : The Lotteries (Prohibition) Bill, 1999, which seeks top ban lotteries under Entry 40 of List-1 (Union List) of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution has been introduced in Rajya Sabha on the 23rd December, 1999. The Bill has been referred to the Department related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs for examination and report. The report of the Committee is awaited.

(g): A section of people may be affected temporarily due to ban on lotteries. Since selling lottery tickets does not require any expertise, people engaged in selling lottery tickets can turn to other trades. The revenue to the State Governments from the sale of lottery tickets is not very substantial. During 1999-2000 the revenue from lotteries to the big state like Tamil Nadu was only Rs.27.75 crore and as low as Rs.1.98 crore in case of Goa. This can be made up through other sources by the State Governments. The large social benefit which will accure from the ban on lotteries, will outweigh the small revenue loss.